

# **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION USING A PORTABLE COMPUTING DEVICE**

## **ABSTRACT**

One embodiment of the present invention provides a system for entering system administration data using a portable computing device, wherein the portable computing device may not be able to access an associated system during data entry. The system operates by first allowing a system administrator to access a data entry program on the portable computing device. This data entry program accepts an element of system administration data from the system administrator, wherein the element of system administration data can be used by the associated system to generate system administration commands. At a later time, when the portable computing device is able to access the associated system, the element of system administration data is transferred from the data entry program to the associated system so that an associated system administration function can be performed on the associated system